AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 - generating a first plurality of client message digests corresponding to client files,

 each client message digest that correspond corresponding to a first

 plurality of to each client file contents on a client connected with a

 network, wherein the first plurality of message digests uniquely identify

 the first plurality of file contents;
 - generating a second plurality of client server message digests digest that

 correspond-corresponding to server files, each server message digest

 corresponding to a server file on a server, wherein the server is coupled to

 the client over a network a second plurality of file contents on a

 repository connected with the network, wherein the second plurality of

 having the message digests uniquely identify the second plurality of file

 contents corresponding to the client files on the client;
 - combining the first plurality of message digests into a single client message digest;
 - combining the second plurality of message digests into a single repository message digest;
 - prior to synchronizing the client files with the server files, matching client file

 contents from the client message digests with server file contents from the

 server message digest to determine whether the client files and the server

 files are to be synchronizedcomparing the single client message digest

 with the single repository message digest to determine file contents that do

 not match; and

synchronizing the <u>client files</u> and the server files, if the client file contents and the <u>server file contents do not match</u> file contents that do not match with the <u>client and the repository</u>.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising wherein the synchronizing of the client files and the server files comprises adding missing client file contents to the server file contents storing the first plurality of message digests on the client.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising wherein the synchronizing of the client files and the server files comprises adding missing server file contents to the client file contentsgenerating a new plurality of message digests for files on the client to be cached on the repository prior to synchronizing.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein further comprising uniquely identifying the first plurality of client file contents of the client files comprises a subset of files stored on the client via the client message digests.
- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the generating of the first and second plurality of message digests comprises uniquely identifying of the

client file contents comprises generating a cryptographic hash for corresponding to content of the each file content client files that are to be synchronized.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the cryptographic hash comprises 128 to 160 bits further comprising combining the client message digests into a single client message digest.

Claims 8-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a repository server connected with a network, the repository server to function as a data repository on behalf of a client,

a storage medium; and

a processor coupled with the storage medium, the processor to:

corresponding to client files, each client message digest

corresponding to each client file on a client to a first plurality of file

contents on the repository, wherein the first plurality of message

digests uniquely identify the first plurality of file contents, and;

combine the first plurality of message digests into a single repository

message digest; and

the client connected with the repository server via the network, wherein the client is to

generate a second plurality of server message digests corresponding to

server files, each server message digest corresponding to a server

file on a server, wherein the server is coupled to the client over a

networkthat correspond to a second plurality of file contents,

wherein the second plurality of message digests uniquely identify
the second plurality of file contents,;

combine the second plurality of message digests into a single client message digest,

message digest to determine file contents that do not match, and
prior to synchronizing the client files with the server files, match client file

contents from the client message digests with server file contents

from the server message digest to determine whether the client

files and the server files are to be synchronized; and

synchronize the client files and the server files, if the client file contents

and the server file contents do not match file contents that do not
match with the client and the repository.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein the generating of the first and second of plurality of message digests comprises performing processor is further to perform a cryptographic hash corresponding to content of the client files that are for each file content to be synchronized.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the cryptographic hash comprises 128 to 160 bits.

Claims 13-19 (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon data representing sets of comprising instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the a machine to:

generate a first plurality of client message digests corresponding to client files,

each client message digest corresponding to each client filethat correspond

to a first plurality of file contents on a client connected with a network,

wherein the first plurality of message digests uniquely identify the first

plurality of file contents;

generate a second plurality of server message digests corresponding to server

files, each server message digest corresponding to a server file on a server,

wherein the server is coupled to the client over a networkthat correspond

to a second plurality of file contents on a repository connected with the

network, wherein the second plurality of message digests uniquely identify

the second plurality of file contents;

combine the first plurality of message digests into a single client message digest;

combine the second plurality of message digests into a single repository message

digest;

prior to synchronizing the client files with the server files, match client file

contents from the client message digests with server file contents from the

server message digest to determine whether the client files and the server

files are to be synchronized compare the single client message digest with

the single repository message digest to determine file contents that do not

match; and

synchronize the client files and the server files, if the client file contents and the

server file contents do not matchfile contents that do not match with the

client and the repository.

21. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the

client stores the first plurality of message digests instructions when executed to

synchronize the client files and the server files, cause the machine to add missing

client file contents to the server file contents.

22. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the

sets of instructions, when executed by the machine, further cause the client to

generate a new plurality of message digests for files on the client to be cached on

the repository prior to synchronizing instructions when executed to synchronize

the client files and the server files, cause the machine to add missing server file

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contents to the server file contents.

Claims 23-28 (Cancelled)

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